Loop Line connecting Jogighopa to Guwahati

4399. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) by when the loop line connecting Jogighopa to Guwahati via Goalpara district would be commissioned;

(b) whether, in the extended Broadguage Railway line from Guwahati to Tinsukia, Dibrugarh and Ledo, most of the stations don't have raised platforms suitable for Broadgauge Trains; if so, by when would the ministry construct raised platforms;

(c) whether there is any plan to connect Moran with Dibrugarh town (25 miles only) with rail line; and

(d) why the ministry neglect in constructing the Bridge over Brahmaputra at Bogibil near Dibrugarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) The line along with bridge (Naranarayan Setu) from Jogighopa to Goalpara has been commissioned and opened to traffic on 15-4-1998. Balance section from Goalpara to Kamakhya is ready for commissioning. CRS's sanction has been applied for and section will be opened as soon as his sanction is received.

(b) High level/medium level/rail level platforms have been provided at all Railway stations as per BG standards applicable to all Indian Railways and depending upon the requirement of traffic. There is no proposal for further raising any platform on these sections at present.

(c) This connection is under consideration as a part of the proposed Bogibeel Bridge project.

(d) There is no neglect on the part of Railway. Final location survey of bridge over Brahmaputra at Bogibeel is under progress and final report is expected to be ready later this year. Once this report becomes available and firm costs are known, requisite clearances will be obtained and work would be taken up.

Progress of Kumar Ghat-Agartala Rail Line

4400. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that progress of work on Kumar Ghat-Agartala rail line is much behind schedule;